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1. ON BEHALF OF HOST COUNTRY RELATIONS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROSSIDES, NEUMAN OF UN LEGAL COUNSEL'S OFFICE ASKED MISOFF 17 FEB WHETHER US WOULD PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSIONS TO BE LED BY ROSSIDES WITH USSR AND OTHER DELS IN EFFORT TO DEVELOP A RESOLUTION WHICH THE COMMITTEE COULD ADOPT BY CONSENSUS. MISOFF SAID US ENTIRELY WILLING PARTICIPATE BUT COULD NOT DO SO PM SAME DAY DUE TO SC MEETING ON CHAD COMPLAINT OF LIBYAN AGGRESSION, AND PROPOSED MEETING AM NEXT WORKING DAY, 21 FEB. NEUMAN SAID ROSSIDES HAS IN MIND INVITING PARTICIPATION BY FOUR SPONSORS OF DRAFT RESOLUTION REFTEL, I.E. USSR, BULGARIA, IRAQ AND MALI; IN ADDITIONA, SOV DEL HAS ASKED THAT VIETNAMESE DEL BE INVITED. AFTER CHECKING WITH DEPARTMENT, MISOFF TOLD NEUMAN WE WOULD NOT WISH PARTICI-PATION OF FOUR SPONSORS LEST THAT BE TAKEN AS GIVING THEIR ONE-SIDED AND UNACCEPTABLE PROPOSAL SOME SORT OF STANDING. MOREOVER, COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP WOULD BE UNBALANCED; IF FOUR NOT PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY DELS WERE
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TO BE INCLUDED, WE WOULD WANT FRIENDLY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE FROM LA, AF AND ASIA INVITED AS WELL. ON OTHER HAND, IF THAT WOULD PROVE UNWIELDY, WE WERE READY TO JOIN IN SMALLER GROUP PROVIDED IT WERE BALANCED. MISOFF ALSO COMMENTED WE HAD NO OBSERVATION TO MAKE WITH RESPECT TO POSSIBLE VIETNAMESE PARTICIPATION AND WOULD LEAVE THAT QUES-TION UP TO CHAIRMAN'S JUDGEMENT.

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2. NEUMAN SAID HE BELIEVED ROSSIDES WOULD BE CONDUCTING THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE BASIS OF THE FOUR-POWER DRAFT SINCE THAT WAS THE ONLY PAPER "ON THE TABLE". MISOFF REITERATED ITS UNACCEPTABILITY AND DREW NEUMAN'S ATTENTION TO OUR STATEMENT IN THAT RESPECT AT 15 FEB MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE.

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